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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Personnel Management Group, DDO
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Request for Authorization for Unofficial
Public Appearance

I disapproved your request to appear on the television show about Vietnam. I want you to know that I did this with considerable reluctance. I much appreciate the difficult position you have been placed in by the improper disclosures of the fine role you played for the Agency and the country in Vietnam. My objection to your participating has nothing to do with what you might say on the program; it is simply the impression that it would give to intelligence services and intelligence assets of ours around the world. With all the unfortunate exposures we have had in recent months, I think that for us voluntarily to have an ex-Chief of Station appear on public television might not be understood. In short, I think this is the time to hunker-down a bit. I wish it could be otherwise for your personal sake.



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cc: DDO